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DEPT FOR SY/FO ATTN: HOLDA; SEOUL FOR RSO FROM OIC/RTC;  
JAKARTA FOR RSO PASS RSS KNAUF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: CCC VAULT DOOR INSTALLATION

REF: SEOUL 2623 (NOTAL)

1. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN POINTED OUT TO THE POST, RTC AND RSS THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THE PROPOSED VAULT DOOR WOULD BE DANGEROUS, PERHAPS CREATING UNSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS IN INSTALLATION AND WOULD NOT PRESENT ANY SUBSTANTIAL OR REAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PRESENT 1/2 INCH STEEL DOOR ALREADY IN PLACE. THE PRESENT STEEL DOOR IS SOMEWHAT NARROWER THAN THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT VAULT DOOR AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF BRINGING THE PRESENT VAULT DOOR TO THE INSTALLATION SITE ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR. ONE OF THE ORIGINAL SUPERVISING ENGINEERS FOR THE EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE STAIRWELL LOADING IS ONLY 50 LBS/SQUARE FOOT AND IS NOT DESIGNED TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF THE DOOR AND NUMEROUS WORKMEN REQUIRED TO MAN-EUVER IT. BEAM LOADING AT THE PROPOSED DOOR SITE IS 125 LBS/SQUARE FOOT AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE AREA IS NEAR MAXIMUM WEIGHT BECAUSE OF THE ENCLOSURE.

2. THE OVER-SIZED DOOR WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION OF REINFORCING CONCRETE BEARING STRUCTURES, BESIDES EXTENSIVE  
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MODIFICATION OF ELECTRICAL, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

ARRANGMENTS. A CRANE OR HOIST CANNOT SAFELY BE USED BECAUSE OF INHERENT LOADING DANGERS CITED ABOVE. EVEN IF A CRANE WAS USED, EXTENSIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE SIDES OF THE BUILDING WOULD BE EXTENSIVE AND RISKY. IN ANY CASE EITHER THE PRESENT DOOR OR THE PROPOSED VAULT DOOR PRESENTS A STRONGER DEFENSE THAN THE MASONRY BRICK WALL WHICH CONSTITUTES THE PRESENT SIDING OF THE BUILDING.

3. IF SY CONTINUES TO INSIST UPON THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PRESENT STEEL DOOR IT WILL INDEED BE AN EXTENSIVE OPERATION REQUIRING BOTH SEABEE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE, AND WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DISRUPTION IN THE CCC FACILITIES IN SEOUL. OIC AND RSS ARE OF CONSIDERED OPINION THAT VAULT DOOR PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY RESOLVED BY SY/FO WITH CONSIDERATION THAT THE DOOR NOT BE INSTALLED.

4. WISH TO ADVISE THAT FOREGOING REPRESENTS VIEWS OF RSS WHICH WAS DISCUSSED WITH OIC IN DETAIL PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO JAKARTA.  
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